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Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington DC 20554

RE: *Ex Parte* Presentation
WC Docket No. 07-245

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you of an *ex parte* presentation that was made on June 3, 2008 to John Hunter in the Office of Commissioner McDowell. The presentation was made by Scott Liebel, Manager, Joint Use Assets, Ameren Services Company and Julius M. Griles, Manager, Delivery Design, Dominion Virginia Power. They were accompanied by undersigned counsel. The presentation emphasized points made in the joint comments and reply comments filed in this proceeding by these electric utilities, as summarized on the attachment.

Very truly yours,



Raymond A. Kowalski

Attachment

cc: John Hunter

“Stay the Course”

A Presentation by
Ameren Services Company (“Ameren”) and
Virginia Electric and Power Company (“Dominion Virginia Power”)

- Utility poles are critical infrastructure that supports the physical plant of America’s vital utilities, including electric service, telephone service, Internet service and video service.
- The Commission is on the right track in seeking to assure the safety of workers and the public, to safeguard the reliability of the infrastructure to assure the uninterrupted provision or prompt restoration of the services it supports, and to allocate a fair share of the cost of the infrastructure to those who use it.
- In comments, Ameren and Dominion Virginia Power have proposed a new way to look at the relationships between the providers of these services: an “infrastructure partnership.”
 - Replace the “surplus space” view;
 - Share the costs in a meaningful way;
 - Minimize disputes and complaints;
 - The federally-granted right of access comes with commensurate infrastructure stewardship obligations.
- Commission data support a presumption that all attachments are used to offer high speed broadband Internet access.
 - The Commission has legal authority to develop a third rental rate formula for broadband attachments that would apply to virtually all attachments.
 - Ameren and Dominion Virginia Power have proposed a formula that is based on space typically used by each type of service provider.

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